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SUBJECT: GSP: CHANGES IN COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS

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(D) STATE 043815, (E) STATE 042804, (F) 75 STATE 278103

1. ACCORDING TO REFTELS, D&E THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS HAVE
BEEN DELETED FROM THE GSP LIST FOR COLOMBIA UNDER THE
"COMPETITIVE NEEDS LIMITATIONS" PROVISION OF THE 1974
TRADE ACLNC

TSUS NUMBER	PRODUCT
421.06	SODIUM HYDROSULFITE
644.08	ALUMINUM FOIL NOT BACKED OR CUT
791.20	PATENT LEATHER CUT OR SHAPED FOR CONVERSION INTO FOOTWEAR

2. ALSO, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS IS CONSIDERING REMOVAL OF LEATHER WEARING
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APPAREL, EXCEPT REPTILE (TSUS 791.75) FROM THE GSP LIST,

UNDER THIS SAME PROVISION. (REFTEL C).

3. ACCORDING TO INCOMEX (COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE), THEN MONTH FIGURES FOR 1975 SHOW THAT COLOMBIA DID NOT EXPORT TO THE U.S. ANY SODIUM HYDROSULFITE OR ALUMINIUM UNIL NOT BACKED OR CUT. PATENT LEATHER FOR CONVERSION TO FOOTWEAR AMOUNTED TO \$1,260,000 AND EXPORT OF LEATHER WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT REPTILE, WERE \$1,250,000. BOTH THESE ITEMS CLEARLY WERE BELOW THE \$26.6 MILLION LIMIT MENTIONED IN REFTEL B.

4. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THESE LAST TWO PRODUCTS REPRESENTED MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF ALL U.S. IMPORTS OF THESE ITEMS.

5. POST REQUESTS CLARIFICATION ON WHY THESE PRODUCTS WERE DELETED FROM THE LIST OF GSP ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS FOR COLOMBIA. SPER*8:-))Y;

A. ACCORDING TO U.S. TRADE DATA, WHAT WERE THE LEVELS OF COLOMBIAN IMPORTS OF THESE FOUR ITEMS IN 1975?

B. IF THESE COLOMBIAN PRODUCTS DID NOT EXCEED THE \$26.6 MILLION LIMIT OR 50 PERCENT OF ALL U.S. IMPORTS OF THAT PRODUCT, WHAT PROVISION OF THE 1974 TRADE ACT OR OTHER LEGISLATION WAS INVOKED TO DELETE THESE ITEMS FROM THE GSP PRODUCT LIST?

6. PLEASE REPLY SOONEST, SO POST CAN NOTIFY COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT OF THESE GSP CHANGES.

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